GOLF

1. RULES:
   Golf Canada Association Rules will apply throughout the competition and the local rules of the host clubs will also be in effect.
   - 1.1. The SHSAA will hold a championship played on a grass green course.
   - 1.2. Tournaments will consist of thirty-six (36) holes of medal play, with eighteen (18) of those holes being played on Saturday (competition will begin no earlier than 11:00am, Friday).
   - 1.3. The SHSAA office, in consultation with the provincial host and the golf course manager, will create a list of local rules that will be made available to coaches and athletes prior to the championship.
   - 1.4. Handicaps will not be in effect.
   - 1.5. Practicing on the competitive course is not allowed on the day of the competition.
   - 1.6. Caddying and/or coaching are not allowed during the course of play.
   - 1.7. A local rule will be implemented allowing the use of distance measuring devices.
   - 1.8. The recommended dress code for SHSAA golf events will be as follows: tailored slacks, tailored shorts, collared or mock neck golf shirts, leggings, skorts, or school athletic suits. Cut-offs, muscle shirts, or any clothing with offensive slogans will not be allowed.

2. ENTRIES:
   - 2.1. Each provincial tournament will consist of district representatives in individual competitions for both boys and girls, and a district team competition.
   - 2.2. The boys' team may be made up of three members to a maximum of four; the girls team may be made up of two members to a maximum of four.
   - 2.3. Team Scoring:
     - 2.3.1. The total of the three best scores recorded by the team on each hole of the competition will determine team scoring for the boys; the total of the two best scores recorded by the team on each hole of the competition will determine team scoring for the girls category.
     - 2.3.2. In addition to the 4 district qualifying golfers in each gender from the district, the host school for the Provincial championship is allowed to enter additional golfers such that no more than 4 golfers of each gender are representing the host school.
   - 2.4. Eliminations will be held at the school, division, and district levels when necessary. There will be no sectional playdowns.

3. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND SUGGESTIONS:
   - 3.1. Green fees or course rental at the provincial finals will be paid by the SHSAA.
   - 3.2. All golfers must supply their own equipment.
   - 3.3. The first and tenth tees will be used for a simultaneous start whenever the local course permits this to happen.
   - 3.4. The final 18 holes to be played Saturday will be "flighted" according to scores achieved in Friday's round. A golfer from any flight may win the championship. Tee times will be arranged with the highest scores teeing off first and the lowest scores last to tee off.
   - 3.5. Fees for an optional practice round are the responsibility of the golfers.
   - 3.6. Each district will be required to provide two facilitators on the golf course at the tournament unless the host has extra.

4. COACHES AND SPECTATORS:
   4.1. All coaches/teacher supervisors must be present at the golf course while their athlete(s) golf.
   4.2. Coaches and spectators may follow a group of golfers around the course, but must observe the following rules:
      4.2.1. Stay at least 20 yards behind the last golfer.
      4.2.2. Follow your group by walking and staying in the rough.
      4.2.3. When the players are putting, stay well back of the green and out of the line of sight of the person putting.
      4.2.4. Be quiet prior to and immediately following the athlete hitting the ball.
      4.2.5. No conversations may take place with the golfers and/or officials during the round.

5. AWARDS:
   5.1. INDIVIDUAL: Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded
   5.2. DISTRICT TEAM
   Champions: 4 individual gold medals for members of each team.
   Runners-up: 4 individual silver medals for members of each team.
   Third Place: 4 individual bronze medals for members of each team.

6. TIE-BREAK PROCEDURES:
   6.1. In the event two or more golfers or teams are tied for first place at the end of competition, the following procedure will be followed:
      6.1.1. A sudden victory playoff will occur, with the hole(s) to be played determined by the SHSAA and Host. Individual golfers will play together. Teams will play separately with each team being accompanied by an observer. Order of play determined by the SHSAA and host.
   6.2. In the event of ties for second place, a playoff will not be held. Individuals or teams will be awarded silver medals and no bronze medal would be awarded.
   6.3. In the event of ties for third place in the individual and/or team standings, no playoff will be held. All those tied for third shall be presented with bronze medals.

7. PROVINCIAL SITES:
   Provincial sites will be determined by a bid procedure at least two years in advance. Please refer to the bidding criteria found in the Handbook.